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Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing
United States Senate Post Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your letter dated 30 September 1948, and is in addition to the material furnished to you in a letter dated 22 November 1948, signed by [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency.

The estimated breakdown of production of various types of material follows:

- a. Reproduction of intelligence reports by mimeograph, offset printing, and photo-stat..... 95%
- b. Reproduction of forms by both mimeograph and offset printing processes..... 3%
- c. Reproduction of administrative instructions and other material by various processes..... 2%

The information requested under paragraph 4 of your letter is identical to that furnished with [redacted] letter dated 22 November 1948.

None of the services contemplated by paragraph 5 of your letter were furnished by CIA to other Government agencies during the fiscal year 1948, and it is not anticipated that services will be furnished during the fiscal year 1949.

Each unit of the Reproduction Division of CIA is in continuous operation and is being used to maximum capacity. The great demand for reproduction of intelligence material requires that this plant be operating to maximum capacity daily, and this has been true over the period of the past several months.

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It is essential that the Reproduction Division of CIA be continued as a facility of this agency for the reason that the reproduction and dissemination of intelligence information must be performed with the least possible delay, in order that intelligence information so distributed will have useful value. If it should be considered by the Joint Committee on Printing to require CIA to obtain its reproduction services from one or more other Government agencies, it would require security investigation of all employees having access to CIA material, and extensive requirements of physical security in operation which would be difficult to meet. The administrative and security problems would be greatly increased, and it is my opinion that such a step would seriously affect the efficiency and operation of this and other intelligence agencies of the Federal Government.

It is my sincere desire to comply with all regulations issued by the Joint Committee on Printing of the Congress, and I am therefore hopeful that the information furnished herewith will be found to be complete and satisfactory for the purposes of the Committee. I sincerely urge that the Joint Committee on Printing approve the continued operation of the Central Intelligence Agency's reproduction facilities under the administrative and operational supervision of the Director, CIA. We have informed Mr. Beach, Clerk of your Committee, that any additional information or justification required in this connection will be furnished to you upon request.

Sincerely yours,

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Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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